

ROTARY DIE CUTTER WITH RECTILINEAR SPLIT  
DIE CYLINDER TRANSLATION  
ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A rotary die cutter having an anvil cylinder that is operable alternately  
5 with one of a pair of die cylinders includes a vertical support and rectilinear translation  
arrangement that permits selective repositioning of each of the die cylinders between an  
operative position and a stand-by position utilizing various combinations of horizontal  
and vertical linear movement of the cylinders. In the presently preferred embodiment,  
the supporting frames of all three cylinders, in operation, are in abutting contact and  
10 vertically aligned to assure that shock loads are directed vertically downwardly into the  
supporting base. The operator has direct access to each of the die cylinders for  
maintenance and order change from a single station positioned below the board line.